

~~In the Substitute Specification:~~

~~Please delete the first full paragraph on page 5, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph.~~

*B1* The C-shaped springs with inverted edges cover a substantial portion of the corresponding side faces of the superimposed universal joints and they could provide for, in some cases, cut-outs in correspondence with seats of lodgement of the extended elements and they could take different configurations depending on their use.

~~Please delete the last paragraph on page 6 and continuing onto page 7, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph.~~

*B2* With reference to Figs. 1 to 4, the universal joint 1 forms four seats 2, 2', 2" and 2 '' on one of its larger faces in correspondence with each side face, that can accept hinged extended tubular elements, not shown in the figure. On larger face 3 of the universal joint that forms the four seats (2, 2', 2" and 2 '') there is an opening 4 to fix the extremity of a tubular extended element 5 (shown in Fig. 4), within which another tubular element slides, not shown in the figure, and connected with a corresponding universal joint. The edges of the face of the universal joint form grooves 6 which constitute seats to accept one of the extremities 8 (shown in Figs. 2 and 3) of a spring 9 as shown in Fig. 4. In one embodiment of the invention, as shown